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Union Carbide Corporation
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Attention Mr. R. F. Wolff

Gentlemen:

Re: Addition and Alterations
Memorial Medical Center
Savannah, Georgia

Please find attached copy of Technical Services, Inc.'s test report on samples of dust that we collected from ORs 9 and 10 and workroom 1B075 on the above referenced project that you requested in your letter of July 20, 1983. Also find attached copy of news releases that appeared in newpapers on July 21 and July 22, regarding this same issue, for your files.

As you can see from the attached new releases, this issue is still not dead. We have talked to your Mr. John Crane this date and he assured us that he was going to be in touch with you and get us some additional information to help us put this issue to bed once and for all.

Very truly yours,

BATSON-COOK COMPANY

Hugh L. Cotton

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Enclosures
cc: Mr. John Crane

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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT
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TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS — INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTS
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LABORATORIES 103-107 STOCKTON STREET
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32201
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Laboratory No. 53605 July 15, 19 83

Sample of Dust

Date Received July 15, 1983

For Batson-Cook Company, P. O. Box 4963, Jacksonville, Florida 32201
Attn: Mr. Hugh Cotton

Marks:

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS OR TESTS

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	Asbestos, %
OR #9, North Wall	0
OR #10, North Wall	0
Work Room, 1 B075, South Wall	0
Work Room 1 B075, North Wall	0

Note: The fiberous material present in these samples are cellulose and glass fibers.

Respectfully submitted,

TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.

BY G. E. Gibson

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THE WEATHER:
Mostly sunny, hazy and hot again today and Saturday. High today and 100. Low tonight in 70s.

Savannah Mo

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Asbestos in Floors of New MM

By TOM BARTON
Staff Writer

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, F

About 70 pounds of asbestos, causing lung cancer when inhaled, mixed into a compound used in the floors of eight new operating rooms and two other surgical rooms being built at Memorial Medical Center officials said Thursday.

Dan J. Sheehan Co., one of the major subcontractors hired for Memorial's renovation project, was the company responsible for working on the floors in that area, sources said. A Memorial spokesman said Batson-Cook Co. of Jacksonville, Fla., general contractor for the $21.6 million facelift at the hospital, must shoulder responsibility for the problem.

"It was a stupid thing to do," said Richard Graeser, district office supervisor in Savannah for the U.S. Occupational Health Administration.

Hospital patients and employees are not in any immediate danger because of the asbestos, Memorial spokesman Jeryl Davis said Thursday.

The yet-to-be finished operating room area is on the first floor of Memorial's new patient tower, which has several higher floors of occupied patient rooms. The ventilation system on the first floor is self-contained, Davis said.

Unidentified union workers contacted OSHA July 18 about the asbestos being used for the floors in the tioned at the time. The labor safety "It was a rela Workers had bestos), but you "100-percent pun ing." Graeser sai like compound us The future work on the ficial said. It was precautions to pr clear glaze. The coming airborne.

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)3rd Year — No. 203 ★ Savannah, Ga., Thursday, July 21, 1983 36 Pages, Five Sections Price 25 Cent:

Asbestos in New MMC Rooms

By TOM BARTON
Staff Writer

Construction workers added about 70 ounds of asbestos, suspected of causing ing cancer, to a mix used to cover the oors of eight new operating rooms and two her surgical rooms being built at Memo- al Medical Center, a federal official said day.

"It was a stupid thing to do," said Ri- ard Graeser, district office supervisor in avannah for the U.S. Occupational Safety nd Health Administration.

A subcontractor, hired by general con- ractor Batson-Cook Co. of Jacksonville, Fla., was responsible for ordering that the asbestos be used, Graeser said. He declined to identify the company.

"I don't want to point fingers until the investigation is over," the official said. "It's not the hospital's fault. They were extremely upset about the whole thing."

Memorial spokesman Jeryl Davis said today the problem belongs to Batson-Cook, since the hospital does not have a certificate of occupancy for the 10 rooms.

"The hospital will pursue the matter until it's safe and satisfactory," he said.

Davis referred all questions to Batson-Cook. The company's construction supervisor at the site, Bernard Malsky, refused to comment until OSHA completes its investigation.

"Nothing's been proven yet," Malsky said.

Two 35-bags of "100-percent pure" asbestos were mixed into a concrete-like flooring compound used on the operating room floors, Graeser said. Workers then covered the compound with a clear glaze.

"It was a relatively small amount, but you can see it through the glazing," Graeser said.

Workers had the air conditioning on in the area when the floor was being spread, he said. The area is on the first floor of the hospital's new patient tower.

The problem with the asbestos is that future work on the floors will require special precautions to prevent the material from getting into the air and into Memorial's ventilation system, he said.

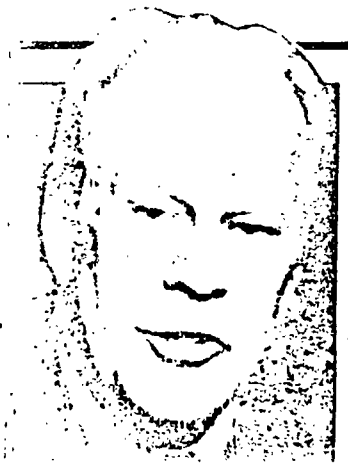
For example, drilling or cutting into the floor could cause asbestos to be released, Graeser said, and the ventilation would have to be turned off. Totally removing the floor would create an even greater risk, he said.

Union workers involved in Memorial's renovation contacted OSHA July 18 about the asbestos being used in the floors, Graeser said. Inspectors visited the work site the following day.

Besides the two bags of asbestos used fo the floor, another eight bags of the subst ance were at the hospital, Graeser said. Th remaining bags have since "vanished," h said.

"We can't stop them from using it," Graeser said, since the material was n used in a spray. Federal Environment Protection Agency rules prevent the spray ing of substances that have a 1 percent o more concentration of asbestos, he said.

Graeser said OSHA's investigation i continuing and should be concluded in abou two weeks.



'He (Ford) had made his decision already and here comes the guy (Nixon) stirring it up. He was very, very irritated; he really resented it.'

— Anonymous Former Ford Aide



Heat Claims 2 Lives in Chatham

• Heat wave continues to scorch nation. Details on Page 2.

By BETTY DARBY
Staff Writer

Two of eight heat-related deaths reported in Georgia so far this summer have been in Chatham County, state health officials said today. shows eight deaths — two each in Chatham and Troup counties and one each in DeKalb Fulton and Walton counties. The latest heat related death of which Sikes has been notified occurred Sunday when a 32-year-old jogger died in Fulton County.

Updates of the heat-related death toll will be released on Mondays through the remainder of the summer.

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METALS DIVISION

July 20, 1983

Mr. Hugh Cotten
Batson Cook Company
P. O. Box 4963
Jacksonville, FL 32201

Dear Mr. Cotten:

I understand that Mr. John Myers has called you to answer any further questions you may have had concerning Caledria RG 244. We have also arranged to have material concerning the properties of our product mailed to you and to Mr. Sheehan, which you may find helpful.

I appreciated your call to me on July 15, 1983 advising that the four samples taken from the OR section of the new hospital wing, which were submitted to laboratory analysis, showed no presence of asbestos fibres, and would like to see a copy of that report if you find it convenient to mail one to me.

Good luck on your project.

Very truly yours,

R. F. Wolff

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bcc: H. B. Rhodes
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